MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ____ no ___

Property Name: Brick House Farm	Inventory Number: K-233
Address: 25266 Mary Morris Road City: Chestertown	Zip Code: 21620
County: Kent USGS Topographic Map:	Chestertown Betterton
Owner: Brick House Farm, Inc. Is	the property being evaluated a district?yes
Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 34 Tax Account ID N	Number: 001229
Project: Chestertown Emergency Services Tower (Site II) Ager	ncy:_DBM
Site visit by MHT Staff:noyes Name:	Date:
Is the property located within a historic district?yes _xno	
If the property is within a district District In	ventory Number:
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Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resourceyesno Non	-contributing but eligible in another context
If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible x yesno	
Criteria: A B x C D Considerations: A	B C D E F G None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form	
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if no	ecessary and attach map and photo)
Brick House Farm is located on the north side of Mary Morris Road and near The functioning dairy farm is surrounded by open agricultural fields to the no which was once part of the Brick House Farm property, is located to the south portion of the railroad line crosses Mary Morris Road and ends at the Brick H	rth, east and west. A farm, the Old Morris House, n. The area is primarily rural agricultural land. A
The two and half story brick farm house faces east towards Mary Morris Road addition and hypen forming the "T" on the back or west side of the house. The and two bays deep with a steeply-pitched side-gable, wood-shingled roof. Interaction are positioned at both gabled ends (north and south sides) of the house.	ne main portion of the house is three bays wide
The white-painted brick on the façade is laid in a Flemish bond pattern and hat the overhanging shallow eaves. The sides and a portion of the back of the hot pattern. A three-bay one-story porch spanning the length of the façade has a swood posts.	use are composed of brick laid in an English bond
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
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The façade fenestration on the main brick portion of the house consists of three equally-spaced two-over-two sash windows flanked by louvered shutters on the second floor and similar windows on either side of the centered front door on the first level. Each window is finished with plain wooden sills and sits flush with the exterior walls. The front door is of a recent period with a three-light transom above.

The east and west sides of the main house has two small square, four-light windows on the attic level on either side of the chimney. A four-over-four window is on the second level on the northwest side and on the first level of the southwest side.

The frame addition on the rear of the brick house was the kitchen at one time. This kitchen portion was adjacent to the north gable end of the house and was subsequently moved to the back of the house in 1905. When the 2-story, two-bay long, two-bay wide kitchen was moved to the back of the house, the owner also constructed a two-bay, two-story frame hyphen to enclose a stairway connecting the two structures. The hyphen and frame kitchen connected together and clad in white wooden siding creates a four-bay long, two-bay wide, two-story addition. The end-gabled roof is of a more shallow pitch than the main house, yet is covered in the same wood shingles. A three-bay porch with hipped roof supported with four turned columns runs was constructed on the north side of this addition. The fenestration consists of two one-over-one sash windows on the first and second floors of the hyphen portion, and a double, one-over-one window and single one-over-one window on the second floor of the old kitchen portion. The lower-level door is on the northeastern part of the kitchen portion.

A small enclosed, one-story shed-roofed porch is on the back, or south side of the kitchen addition. Another shed-roofed small addition is on the southwest side of the brick portion of the house.

Several outbuildings associated with the farm remain on the property. One of particular significance is a small white brick smokehouse with the same corbelled eaves as the main brick house. The small structure has a vertical board door with iron strap hinges and arrowhead details.

A hay barn, possibly dating from the late 19th Century also remains on the property, though it has been updated significantly. A small frame building, possibly a milk house, is located west of the kitchen addition. Other structures are of a recent construction period to suit the needs of this working dairy farm, such as silos, dairy barn, metal storage garages, etc.

The Brick House Farm likely dates from the early 1800s, as researched and concluded by Marsha Fritz in her preparation of the MIHP form for this property (indicated by deed references, tax assessments, and architectural details). The house, though altered, is in good condition and remains in a rural agricultural setting, with the feeling and association of a working farm. The house is also a good example of an early Vernacular farmhouse in Kent County and reflects how plan preferences change through time as well as needs of families changing through time (i.e. moving the kitchen to the back and attaching it to the main house). The house is recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register for Historic Places under Criteria C.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair Date Prepared: September 14, 2004

Fritz, Marsha. Maryland Historical Trust, Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, MIHP #K-233.



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View of the facade of the brick farmhouse.



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View of the north side of the house depicting. the moved frame Kutchen wing.

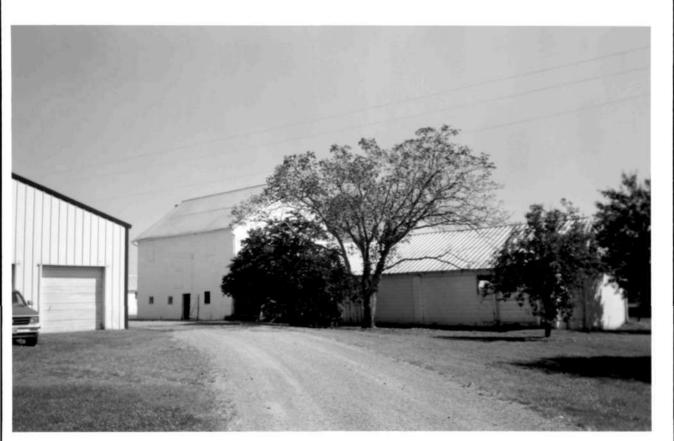


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View of the South side of the house.



MIHP# K-233 Brick House Farm Kent Co., mo Rathyn St. Clair MD SHPO, NEG. View of the small brick outbuilding located Just north west of the house.



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View of barns and other outbuildings on the property.

Brick House Farm Near Worton 1st quarter 19th Century

The Brick House was constructed by either Thomas Maslin, Jr., or his son Jacob in the first quarter of the 19th century. The tract upon which the house was built is called "Harris' Forrest" and was part of Thomas Maslin's acquisitions in 1806-07 and 1810. The Maslin house was very similar to the Moffett house on Quaker Neck, a three bay long, two story brick structure with hall-parlor plan and a kitchen wing on its north gable. This house, however, possesses a corbeled brick cornice in contrast to the wood cornice of the Moffett House and it is painted white.

In 1883 Walter T. Morris acquired the farm which adjoined the farm of William Morris, (pt. of Town Relief) and the family has owned the farm ever since. In 1905 the old house was changed in a way that is very similar to Kinsale. The old kitchen wing was taken from the north gable and moved to the west side of the building with a hyphen between containing a new stair and entry. A porch was built on the east facade of the old house and over the new entry.

The house retains many original interior features along with the 1905 alterations. A contemporary brick smoke house remains north of the house. It also has a corbeled cornice. The house is a good example of the vernacular form and plan of farm houses in Kent County which began with Caulk's Field (1743) and continued into the middle of the 19th century.

BRICK HOUSE FARM Chestertown, Maryland (ca 1800)

By tradition this building is dated to 1772; architectural evidence, however, contradicts that date. The oil bricks used on the front facade, remaining interior details, and especially the corbel cornice indicate a construction date of the brick section of early 19th century, possibly as late as 1820.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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CONDITION

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x_ORIGINAL SITE (main house) X_MOVED DATE <u>Ca 190</u>5 (wing)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Brick House is a two story brick building with a steeply pitched wood shingle roof and tall brick chinmeys enclosed in each gable. Rectangular in shape, the building is one bay deep and three bays wide. There is a full basement under the main house, but no watertable and no original windows on the gable wall except for pairs of four-light casements in each attic.

The front facade is Flemish bond and the sides and rear are Liverpool bond, but there is no visible decorative brick work except a three-step corbelled cornice and corbelled chimney caps. There is also a nice splayed flat arch over one basement window. Bricks measure $2\frac{1}{2} - 3/4 \times 4 - 4\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4}$ with three courses averaging 8 3/8. Mortar joints are raked and the vertical joints are narrower than the horizontal. The brick walls are painted white.

Fenestration is evenly spaced on the south facade of the main house. Major windows have 2/2 Victorian sash secured in plain replacement frames set flush with the brick walls; the plain wooden sills are also flush. The major entry, located in the south facade, has a reproduction six-panel door and a three-light transom. The frame, transom bar, head and jambs are undecorated and are probably replacements.

In 1905 this building was remodeled and the wing formerly at the side of the building moved to the rear. Doorways on both floors in the east gable were changed to windows with the same 2/2 sash used elsewhere. The cellar entry on the south side of this gable was also altered and a new enclosed entry constructed in the west end of the north wall. Inside the house there are doors into both first floor rooms in the north wall which originally was an exterior wall. Whether these are both original or whether the doorway into the east room is an addition cannot be ascertained with visible evidence. In all likelihood, windows were removed from the north wall on both floors.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house was probably constructed by Thomas Maslin, Jr. or his immediate family.

Mr. Maslin purchased the 180 acres of the Brick House Farm Track between 1806 and 1810,

evidently from six brothers and sisters who seem to have inherited the property soon

before. At that time the farm was made up of four tracts, Harris's Forest, Green Bank,

Chance, and Spaulden.

The property stayed in Mr. Maslin's family until 1836 when it was sold to Thomas W. Hynson who gave the farm its present name. The property came into the Morris family on July 3, 1883 with its sale to the grandfather of its current owner.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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The original wing was two bays long, two bays wide, and two stories in height. When it was moved a two bay, two story hyphen was added to contain a new stair and rooms on both floors.

The wing has 6 over 6 sash windows with plain trim and a gable roof. This frame structure is covered with wooden siding which is finished against beaded verge boards on the gable.

At the same time as the wing was moved, a three bay, one-story porch with turned columns and a shallow hipped roof was constructed on the south facade. There is a similiar porch on the east side.

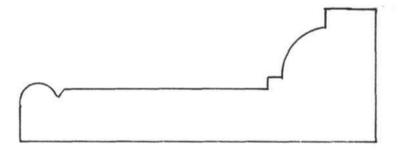
The two original rooms in the brick section are unchanged in size and shape although some detailing was altered in 1905. Elsewhere, window trim is a bead and quarterround, as shown below, and it remains on most windows and doors. Where changes have been made and in doors or windows in or associated with the hyphen , simple flat reeded trim is used. Early six-panel doors are found on the second floor of the brick section and there is one five-panel door, probably in its original frame, in the old frame wing. This element as well as wide yellow pine flooring are the most significant indications that the frame section is contemporaty with the brick one.

The mantles on the first floor date from 1905. That in the hall (living room) is wood and has a plain frieze and pilasters surrounding a rectangular opening. The mantle in the former parlour is of marbelized slate; the opening is round and there are three colors of marbelizing. The one original molding on the second floor, east room, has a quarterround surround and a molded mantle shelf whose profile indicates Federal influence. There are also beaded board closets in the bedrooms and a corner cupboard in the dining room with recessed panels. A portion of raised and beveled paneling had been reused as an attic partition. It may originally have been a part of a paneled closet or stair.

The present stair, located in the hyphen, has short turned balusters set between a closed string and a molded handrail. The newels are square and have a ball top. The design of this feature is typical of the turn of this century.

The other interesting building on this property is the old smokehouse of brick; its masonry detailing closely resembles that of the house. The structure has a gable roof which is finished with beaded verge boards and a box cornice, and a board door hung on strap hinges with arrowhead ends. The bond is Liverpool and the cornice has four steps. The rafters are half-lapped and pegged together at the ridge.

Brick House Farm is located near the head of the west branch of Radcliffe Creek. The Creek runs west of the house and is dammed to form a pond across the road from the house. South, west, and north of the house are open fields with distant views of treelines. All of the farm buildings behind the house are of recent date, except for one large hay barn which was probably constructed in the fourth quarter of the last century.



BRICK HOUSE FARM (K-233) Chain of Title

Land Records of Kent County	Transaction
EHP 21 724	TO: Brick House Farm, Inc. FROM: Walter T. Morris, Jr. & Elizabeth Morris DATE: March 30, 1967
	Tract #1 - Brick House Farm; except the 11 acres + sold by Walter T. Morris to Penelope Pennell in 12/13/1887. (SB 10/42.)
SB 4 370	TO: Walter T. Morris FROM: William H. Pennell & wife DATE: July 3, 1883
	For \$10,800 "Brick House Farm" with 180 + acres.
DCB 4 298	TO: William H. Pennell FROM: Mary S. Hynson, Executrix DATE: October 1, 1878
	This contains the deeds which refer to 1.01d Morris house and 2. Brick House Farm (180 acres)
JNG 4 475	TO: Thomas W. Hynson FROM: Sewell Hepbron & Martha Hepbron DATE: December 28, 1836
	For \$2,000 four tracts: Harris's Forest, Green Bank, Chance, Spaulden, 173 + acres
TW 3 390	TO: Thomas Maslin, Jr. FROM: John Wroth, Benjamin Wroth, Priscilla Smith & Martha Wroth
	DATE: March 10, 1806 (170 acres of 4 tracts above)

TO: Thomas Maslin, Jr. FROM: Pengrin Wroth

DATE: August 3, 1807

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Land Records of Kent County

BC 6 119 Transaction

TO: Thomas Maslin, Jr. FROM: William Wroth

DATE: March 16, 1810 (total of 180 acres)

5 acres of Harris Forest called Lot #8

Lands descended to Martha Priscilla Hepbron from Martha Priscilla Maslin from Thomas Maslin, Jr., along with the buildings. Evidently Maslin bought the land in three parts probably from children of the former owner.

NOTE: An inventory dated November 11, 1807, (Kent County Inventories # 13, p.110) by a Thomas Maslin, leaves a dwelling house and plantation to his son Jacob. Thomas didn't die until 1814 and he did have a son named Thomas; they were Quakers. Since the content of this inventory and the date of land purchase, it seems unlikely that Brick House Farm is the property referred to. No will or inventory for another Thomas Maslin is on file in Kent County.

Form 10-445 (5/62) 1. STATE Md COUNTY Kent TOWN Chestertonin

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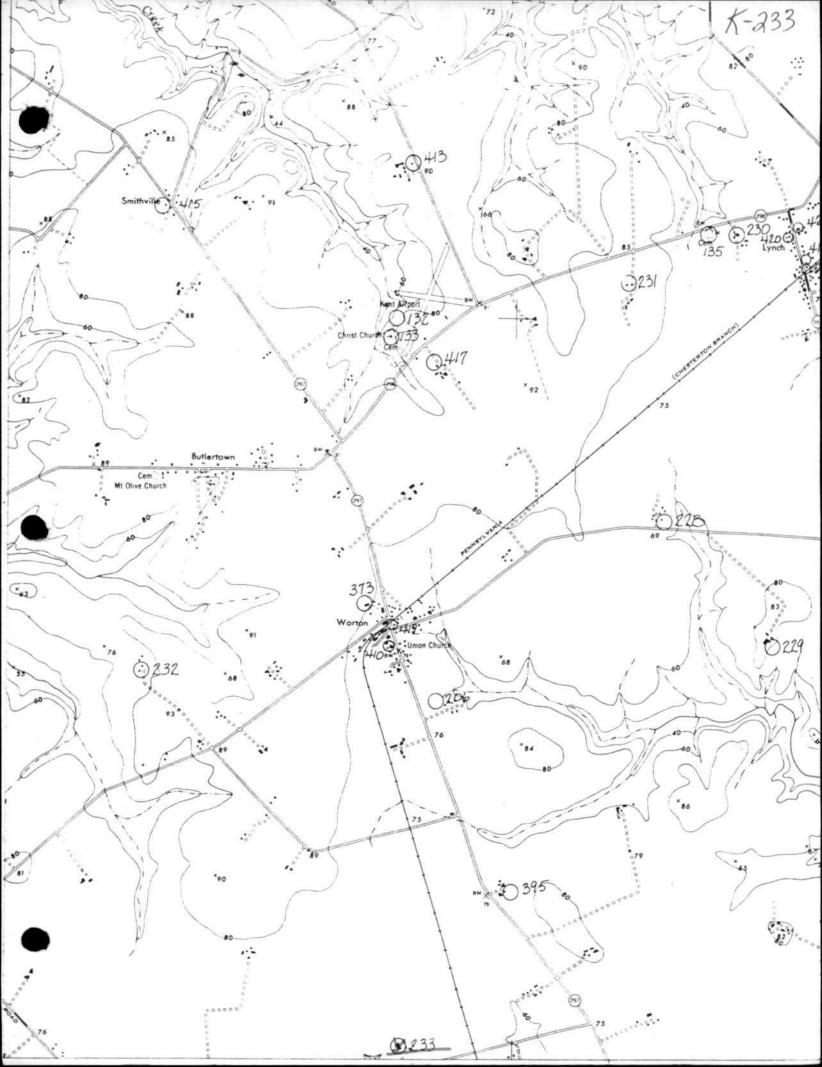
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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The Brick House Farm is said to have been built in 1772, as there was a date in the brickwork prior to its present coat of white paint. However, the stepped brick cornice seems to date from a later period, if not the whole house. It is three bays long and one bay deep. The south facade is laid in Flenish bond. There are neither belt course por nor water table. The central entrance has panelled jambs and door with transom. Beneath the front porch are hidden the arches above the windows, which have 2/2 sashes and louvered shutters throughout. There is a very steeply pitched A roof with tall chimneys on each gable and small casement beside the chimney on the gable. To the north of the building is a frame twostory wing of about the same size as the brick section.

Northeast of the house is a good brick outbuilding, also many stepped cornices. It also has many long strap hinges, and a vent in the gable, the size of 5 headers.





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